# SAT Preparation Expansion Grant



#### Information Session

September 8, 2015

September 18, 2015

### Welcome!

#### Goals for today...

- Review the SAT Preparation Grant goals and program requirements
- Review the grant application process and requirements
- Q & A

# Timeline

Date	Activity
August 21	Notice of Funding Availability
September 4	Request for Applications
September 8	In-person info session
September 17	Application opens in EGMS (grants.osse.dc.gov)
September 18	Webinar info session
October 5	Applications due by 4:00 p.m. EST in EGMS
October – February	Programs begin
Mid-November	EGMS training for sub-grantees
30 days after programs end	Final reports due

## Program Goals

- 1. Increase the number of public high school students in the District receiving high quality SAT test preparation services.
- 2. Understand which type or types of SAT preparation programs have the greatest positive impact on student scores for the greatest number of District students as well as which type or types of SAT preparation programs may be most effective for specific student populations.

# **Applicant Eligibility**

#### Partnerships of:

- 1. Test preparation company
- 2. Local education agencies (LEAs)

Test preparation company must have created and designed its own curriculum.

Test preparation company must be in good financial standing with the District of Columbia, per the Clean Hands I aw.

Test preparation company must have demonstrated success or experience within urban areas and/or school districts.

## **Program Requirements**

#### Option 1:

Curriculum Integration

#### Option 2:

LEA-provided SAT Test Preparation Course

#### **Option 3**:

Company-provided SAT Preparation Course

## Additional Program Requirements

- Offered during the school day.
- Offered for credit (at least ½ credit).
- Facilitated by certified teachers at the Bachelor's level or higher (if applicable).
- Occur no earlier than October 2015 and no later than May 2016.
- Have an intentional and thoroughly described target population and recruitment strategy. Schools and LEAs may determine which students to target for participation.
- Supplement, not supplant, any existing SAT preparation programming.
  - The proposed program must either be a new initiative at the LEA or significantly increase the scope of existing SAT programming such that a new population of students have access to SAT preparation services.

## **Application Requirements**

- Description of services;
- Demonstrated need for SAT preparation services;
- Strong rationale for the type of services selected;
- How the specific SAT preparation services proposed meet goals around college access and success;
- How the program will be measured and evaluated (in addition to the required pre- and post-test structured within the program by the test preparation company); and
- Budget details.

## **Priority Areas**

OSSE will prioritize applications that present robust recruitment strategies for targeting and enrolling a significant number of students at a given LEA, while minimizing costs.

## Budget

# **Total funding: \$225,000**

#### Acceptable Use of Funds

- Cost of professional development
- Cost of ongoing training and support
- Cost of technical assistance
- Books, materials, and practice exams
- Teacher stipends

## Budget

#### 2:1 Matching (Option 3)

- The application must include a 2:1 matching source for the total funds, with the applicant providing the 1/3 portion
- The matching source may be an in-kind donation from the test preparation company, in the form of a program discount, donation of test preparation materials or the like.
- The match source cannot be provided by the LEA.
- For example:
  - The program cost is \$15,000; the applicant should request \$10,000 on the application, with documentation that the test preparation company will donate \$5,000 in-kind, in the form of a program discount, donated materials, or other match funding.

## How do I apply?

#### **Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS)**

- www.grants.osse.dc.gov
- Opens: September 17
- Closes: October 5, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. EST
- EGMS Support
  - osse.callcenter@dc.gov
  - Help desk: 202-719-6500

## Reporting

- 1. Roster of student participants
- 2. Weekly reporting of participant attendance
- 3. Mid-program report
  - Student enrollment, daily attendance, and an overview of program activities
  - Template will be provided
- 4. Final report
  - Student enrollment, attendance, overview of program activities
  - Pre- and post- exam scores, student grades, GPA
  - Additionally, this report should include qualitative questions for teacher, administrator, and test preparation company staff
  - Template will be provided

### For More Information

osse.dc.gov/sat-preparation-grant

# Thank you!

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